

REMARKS


The Office Action of April 5, 2006 rejected previously pending claims 1 and 3-9. However, the Action further indicated that claims 5, 7, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of these claims.

Applicants traverse the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action; nonetheless, claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 9 are cancelled, and claims 5, 7 and 8 are rewritten in independent form. This Amendment places claims 5, 7 and 8 in condition for allowance as indicated by the Office Action, and, therefore, should be entered.

Applicants submit that application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of claims 5, 7 and 8. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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